

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Cost Of Living

THE Reform Club have submitted to Government a recommendation that a new survey be made of the Colony's cost of living indices. It will be disappointing to some that Government is unable to carry out such a survey at present, but there is a suggestion in the Colonial Secretary's reply to the Reform Club that this may be done at some later stage. Certainly the recommendation of a new survey is timely and one that deserves early consideration.

The Reform Club, in effect, seek a revision of the cost of living index formula without substantially altering its basic outline. The first point they make is that the "spending habits" of Hongkong people are probably fairly represented in the index but they feel that the "sampling" of these habits should be taken over a year instead of a month to give a true indication of the spending habits of the people.

Secondly, many of the "weights" of the articles included in the index are unrealistic in the light of present day costs or, in other words, the proportions for various expenditures fixed in the index in 1947 bear no relation to the allocations made for the same items in the family budgets of 1955. Government admits this position in some cases, but claims the index does record "with accuracy" the trend of living costs and as such it constitutes a reasonably sound basis for the purposes of calculating the cost of living allowance.

The Reform Club made one other observation: that the cost of living appears to have become stabilised and it might be desirable therefore to incorporate the hel allowance in the basic salary of employees.

TAKING these points respectively: it would be of more than academic interest to review the cost of living index formula as the "trend" of living costs conveyed by the present index can by no means give a true reflection of the actual increases or decreases that have taken place. Certainly the "weights" in the existing index bear no true resemblance to the various items of expenditure in the family budget of today.

There is also wisdom in the suggestion that the spending habits of the population could not possibly be gauged accurately during only two monthly observations and that a more precise picture of average expenditure on various items could be obtained over a longer period. If this were accepted, a survey lasting six months, from September to March, should be sufficient for this purpose.

Insofar as the incorporation of the hel allowance in salaries is concerned, this is desirable provided salaries are not then rigidly tied to the cost of living index entailing automatic adjustments according to movements in the index. Both in periods of inflation and deflation, this automatically adjusted salary system could be a boomerang on the Colony's economy.

The Reform Club have succeeded in presenting a reasonable case which Government should consider in the near future. It is only a fair and logical adjustment that is sought; not a radical reform.

# PEKING INVITED TO UN DEBATE

## Security Council's Voting On Formosa Resolutions NATIONALIST OPPOSITION

UNITED NATIONS, JAN. 31  
THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, BY A  
9-1 VOTE, DECIDED TONIGHT TO INVITE COMMUNIST  
CHINA TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO DISCUSS A  
CEASEFIRE IN THE FORMOSA STRAITS FIGHTING.

The United States voted in favour of the invitation, Nationalist China opposed it and the Soviet Union abstained.

US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., said that his vote "has no bearing whatever to the question of our opposition to the representation of China by the Chinese Communists in the UN or any body thereof."

"Nor does support for this motion imply any change in our established attitude against recognition of the Chinese Communist regime," he said.

The invitation to the Peking regime was voted on the motion of New Zealand's Sir Leslie Knox Munro after the Council had agreed, by a 9-1 ballot, to New Zealand's plan for a full-dress debate on "the question of hostilities in the area of certain islands off the coast of the mainland of China."

Russia voted against this New Zealand proposal and Nationalist China abstained.

The Council then put on its agenda also a Russian proposal for a debate on the Formosa Strait hostilities with a view to giving a true indication of the spending habits of the people.

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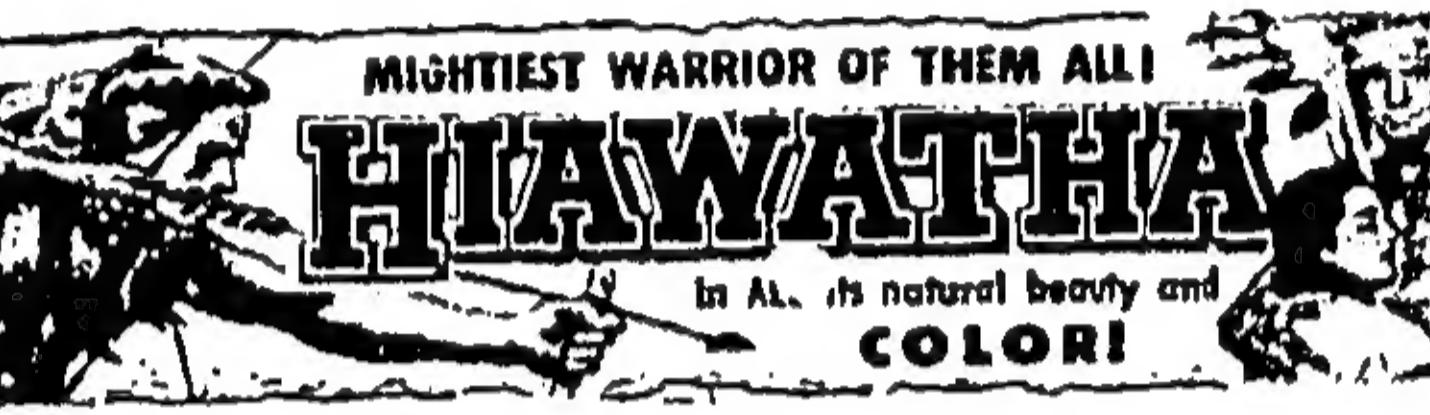


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## RUSSIA MAY END WAR WITH JAPS

Possible Precondition  
For Normal  
Diplomatic RelationsRED MANOEUVRES TO  
TEST THE GROUND

By Seaghan Maynes

Washington, Jan. 31. The Soviet Union is believed ready to end its state of war with Japan if Japan insists on such a course as a precondition for negotiations to bring about normal diplomatic and trade relations, Washington officials said today.

The initial reaction of the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Ichiko Hatoyama, to the Soviet proposal of such negotiations was that such talks could begin only after the state of war between the two countries had been formally ended by a Soviet declaration.

Official sources here agreed with the Premier that the Soviet Union, if it wished, could easily make such a declaration on the same lines as that which a few days ago formally ended the war with Germany.

Far Eastern experts expected the Soviet Union to "manoeuvre" to find out just how adamant the Japanese Government was in demanding an end to the war declaration before opening talks.

## LITTLE TO LOSE

But they felt the Communists had little to lose and much to gain by closer ties with Japan and therefore that they would not allow the absence of such a declaration to block their objectives of wooing Japan away from the Western democracies.

The Japanese observer at the United Nations, Mr Renzo Sowada, is expected to discuss the proposed negotiations with the Soviet delegation and at the

same time seek some evidence of the secret of Soviet secrecy.

The result of these talks would presumably be sent to Tokyo, where the Japanese Cabinet is scheduled to meet on Friday, to discuss a course of action.

It was stated here that what Japan would expect to get from the Soviets by way of concessions in any negotiations once the state of war is ended would include

1. An end of the Soviet veto on Japanese membership of the United Nations.

2. Return of Japanese war prisoners.

3. Decisions on Japanese fishing rights north of Japan.

4. Negotiations for the return of the northeastern islands of Lubomir and Shikotan.

SHREWD PROPAGANDA

Washington authorities saw the Soviet initiative in proposing a resumption of normal relations as a shrewd propaganda move, significantly timed to coincide with the current crisis over Formosa, though they were puzzled by the unorthodoxy of its transmission and the absence of a signature or date.

The Soviet Union in turn would probably seek:

1. Japan's confirmation of Soviet possession of certain territories like the Kuriles.

2. Legalisation of the Soviet missions in Japan.

3. Arrangements for expanded three-way trade between Japan, Russia and Communist China with possibly closer Sino-Japanese relations.

4. Agreement on negotiations for a war reparations settlement.—Reuter.

RED DEVILS  
OFFEND

Berlin, Jan. 31. An East German official has objected to devils on a film poster being painted in red, claiming that they are offensive to Communism, the East German newspaper, National Zeitung, reported.

The newspaper said that the official's objection was overcome with great difficulty and only after he had been told that it had been customary for a long time to paint devils red.—China Mail Special.

## RIGHT OF TRAVEL

Most Labour speakers, including Mr James Chuter-Ede, who wound up for the Opposition, asked whether the islanders would have the right of travel and access in those parts of the Dominions under the control of the Australian Parliament.

Mr Chuter-Ede said Britain had held responsibility for the Cocos Islanders for a very long time.

Explaining the origin of the transfer, Mr Hopkinson said the British Chief of Staff considered the development of an air strip in the Cocos would make them a valuable base in any campaign in Southeast Asia.

But they could not recommend the expenditure in peacetime on strategic grounds alone.

Australia undertook the maintenance of the air strip but considered it desirable that she should administer the islands in view of the cost involved.

Mr Hopkinson said this proposal was also administratively convenient to the Government of Singapore which found it difficult to maintain an admiral officer in the islands. There was little for him to do with such a small population.

The late Labour Government considered in 1951 that the Government which controlled the air strip should also control the islands.

CLUNIES ROSS

Mr Hopkinson said the rights of the Clunies Ross family, which was granted perpetual lease of the territory by Queen Victoria, would remain unimpeded.

The present "White King" of the islands, 25-year-old Mr John Clunies Ross, is a descendant of a Scot who first administered them over a hundred years ago.

Mr John Duggdale, a former Labour Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, said the islanders would receive much better treatment from Australia than if they had been transferred to South Africa.

But the House wanted an assurance that there would be no colour bar or forced labour in the islands, he said.

There should be full educational opportunities and adequate representation,

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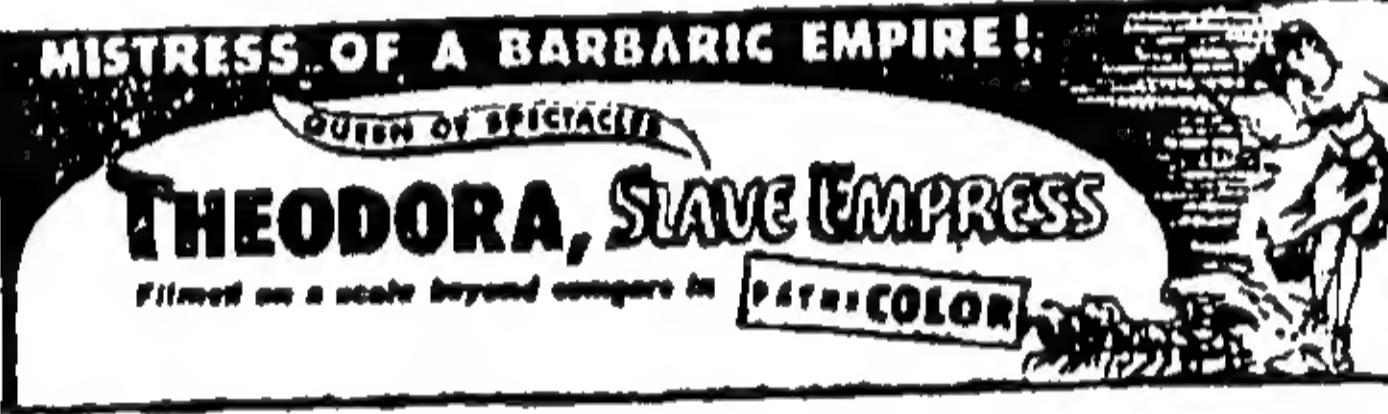
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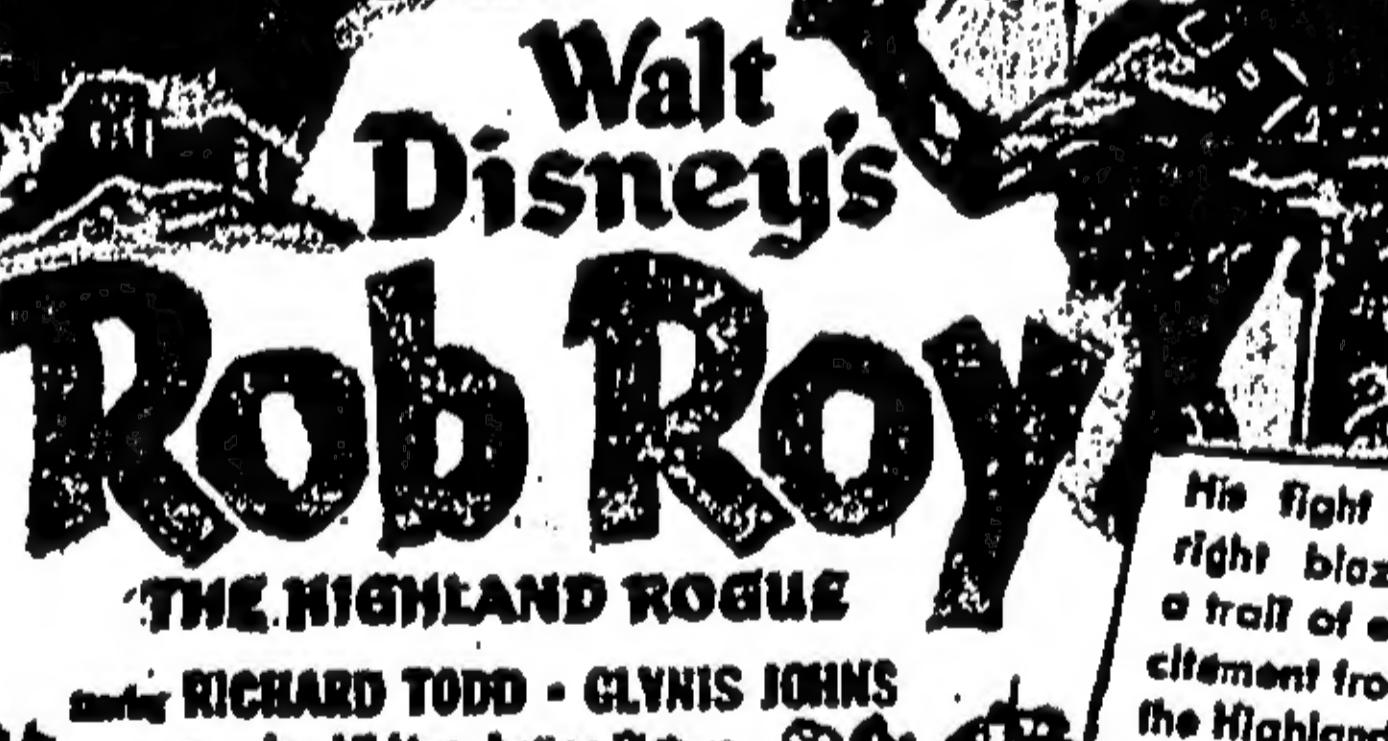
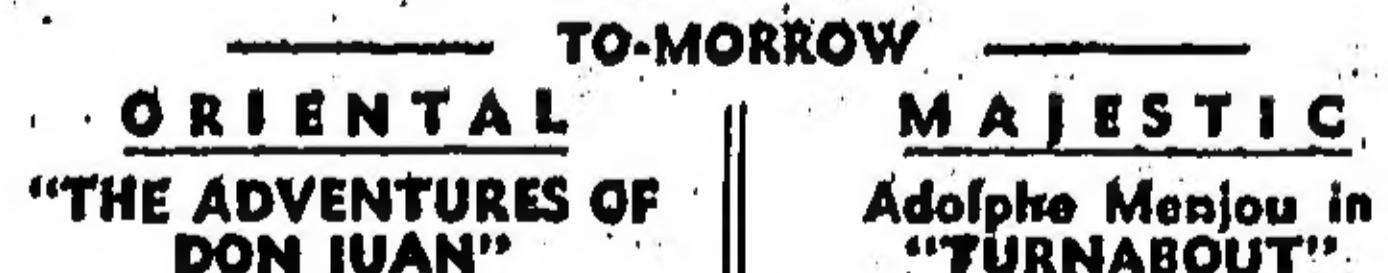
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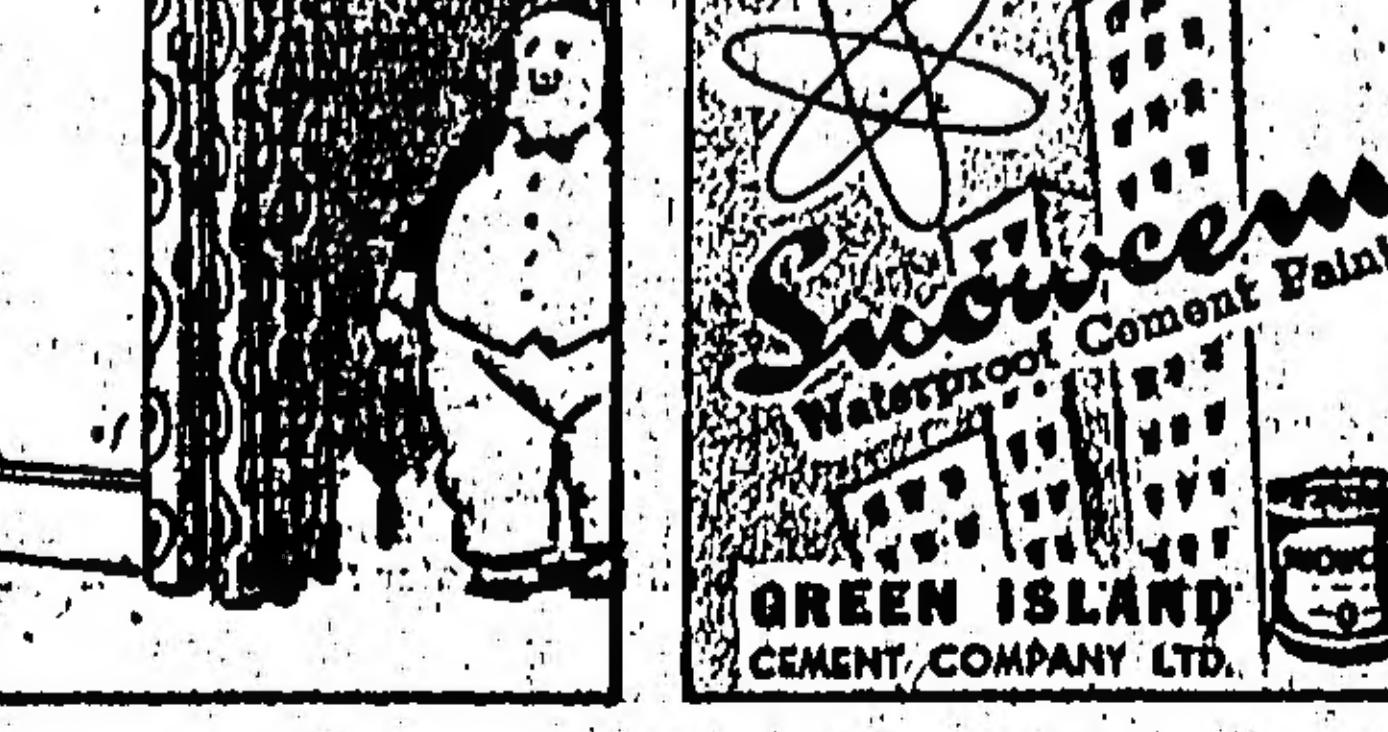
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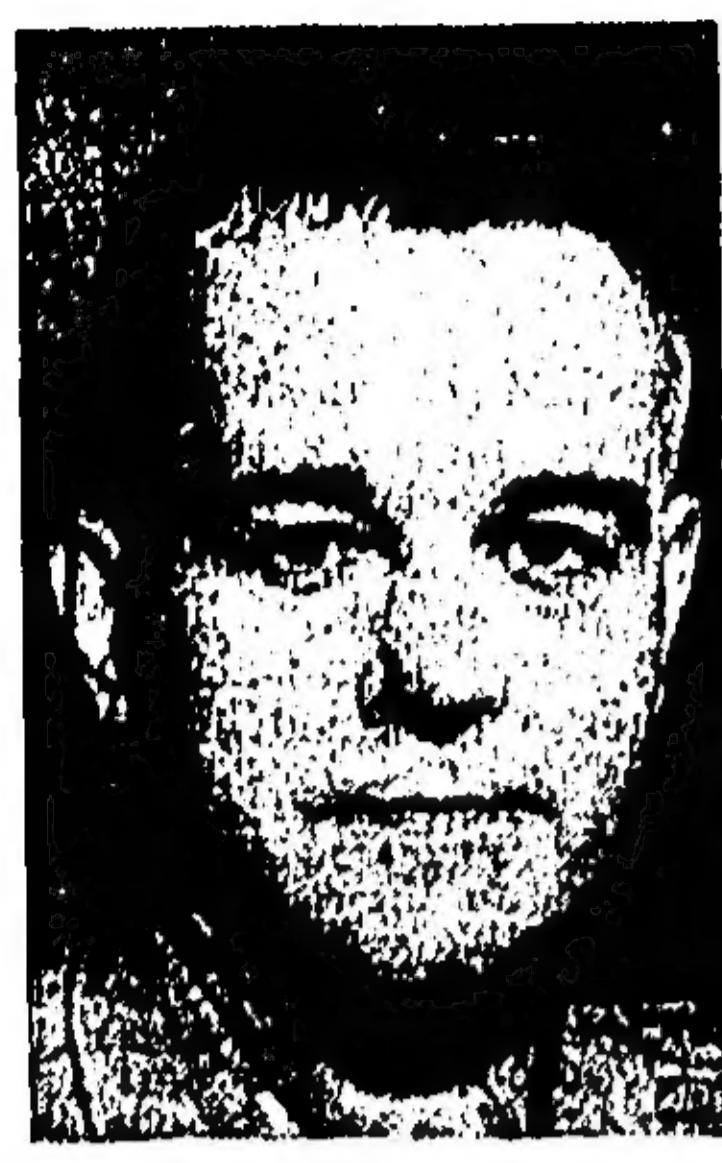
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# U.S. TO TRAIN VIETNAMESE



## Washington Encouraged By Report From Special Envoy

### GENERAL COLLINS CONFIDENT

Washington, Jan. 31. The United States has agreed to equip, train and support a South Vietnam army of about 150,000 men, it was reported today.

This figure is somewhat higher than earlier estimates, which had been that the South Vietnam forces would number little more than 100,000 men when scaled down from the present 217,000.

However, the 150,000 figure is said to have been agreed upon at the earnest request of South Vietnam's Premier, Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem, who is winning increasing respect and confidence of American officials.

General J. Lawton Collins, former Chief-of-Staff of the United States Army and now special American representative to Vietnam, is understood to have proposed originally that the Vietnamese military forces number no more than 87,000. However, he is said to have agreed to the higher figure after urging by Premier Diem and his defence chief.

#### LARGE RESERVE

In addition, there will be a large reserve formed around the veterans being released in the general reduction of armed forces.

Meanwhile, the Washington authorities are said to have been greatly encouraged about the situation in South Vietnam after getting a report from General Collins, who is here for consultation.

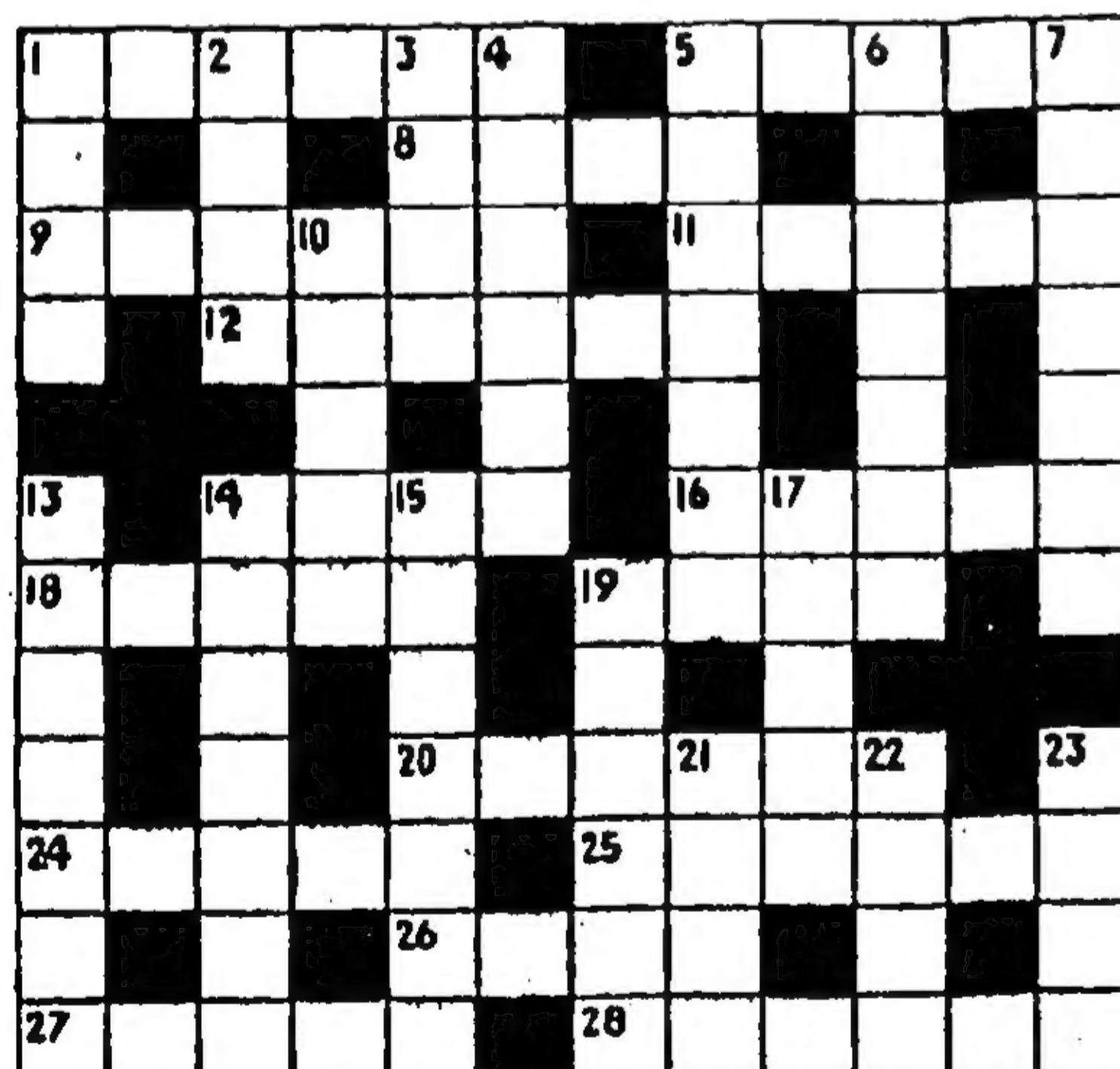
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#### THE "POSTING"

One London letter was "posted" by dropping it in a telephone booth at Earls Court underground station. Another was left on the seat of a bus at London Bridge station. A third was dropped on a bench in the Mansion House underground station. A fourth was dropped on the floor of a tobacconist's shop in Ludgate Circus.

A fifth was left on a bus on the Kingston Bypass. The sixth was left in a boat train taking passengers to Southampton to board the Queen Mary.—China Mail Special.

#### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 1 Believe (6).
- 5 Machinery (6).
- 8 Challenge (4).
- 9 Hang around (6).
- 11 Awaken (6).
- 12 Tracks (6).
- 14 Drudge (4).
- 15 Fascination (6).
- 18 Corpulent (6).
- 19 Command (4).
- 20 Heavenly body (6).
- 24 Museum piece (6).
- 25 Diminish (6).
- 26 Nozzle (4).
- 27 Relieved (6).
- 28 Press chief (6).

#### DOWN

- 1 Young horse (4).
- 2 Way out (4).
- 3 Nation (4).
- 4 List of charges (6).
- 5 Persuade (7).
- 6 Apart (7).
- 7 Table support (7).
- 10 Attempts (5).
- 12 Eye-glass (7).
- 14 Fasten (7).
- 15 Answer (7).
- 17 Longed for (5).
- 19 Scanty (6).
- 21 Necessity (4).
- 22 Cluster (4).
- 23 Bug (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Magic, 4 Brogue, 8 Flower, 10 Acid, 18 Sermon, 14 Impasse, 17 More, 19 Tapered, 20 Parasol, 22 Alas, 23 Alrook, 27 Date, 29 Abide, 30 Erase, 31 Scheme, 32 Petty, 34 Muff, 35 Group, 36 Chess, 37 Room, 38 Garnet, 39 Radiate, 40 Restore, 41 Comets, 42 Realize, 43 Meal, 44 Abated, 45 Real, 46 Fogane, 47 Radish, 48 Strip, 49 Onset, 50 Envoy, 51 Tarnish.

## Big Seals And Little Seals



This rare picture taken of an island in the Sea of Okhotsk (in Soviet territory in the North Pacific) during the season when seals by the hundreds of thousands come to breed. The Isle of Tioulen has now come to be known as the "Seal Island."—France-Press Photo.

## PRINCESS' FLIGHT ROUTE CHANGED

### High Winds, Snow On Canadian Coast

Montreal, Jan. 31. Princess Margaret will catch her first glimpse of Canada tonight when the four-engine Stratocruiser Canopus lands at Montreal to refuel before flying on to the West Indies.

5 Flight reforms to provide a stable financial basis for the country.

6 Broadening the base of the Government to give all segments of the population adequate representation in top-level decisions.

7 A cultural and educational programme.

#### "AMERICANISATION"

The seventh point was added at the insistence of the French, who are said to feel that the United States will "Americanise" South Vietnam and eliminate what little influence the French have left.

The French are said to fear the economic consequences of this.—United Press.

## Ridgway Disagrees With Army Secretary

Washington, Jan. 31. The United States Army Chief-of-Staff, General Matthew B. Ridgway, today disagreed with the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Robert Stevens' testimony before the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee in which the Secretary said that the use of modern weapons now enables the U.S. Army to reduce its ground forces by 320,000 men.

General Ridgway said that the use of ultra-modern and extra-powerful weapons by the enemy and the exploitation of situations created by their use would require the U.S. Army to disperse and regroup its forces at very high speed in any future conflict.

The General said that these high speed movements coupled with the complex problems of use and upkeep of modern weapons make more soldiers necessary than in the old-style combat situation.

#### BEST EQUIPPED

General Ridgway agreed with Mr. Stevens, however, during his testimony, that the U.S. Army is the best equipped.

The General said, "I think we should not reduce the size of the Army," and added that any reduction in ground forces might "jeopardise to a degree the safety of the country."

The General said, "when adequately supported by naval and air forces, army forces are the decisive component of the military structure."

General Ridgway said that the U.S. Army's problem is "further complicated by the fact that we may become involved either in a general war, or peripheral, localised wars."

## Valiants For Squadron Service In April



London, Jan. 31. THE Royal Air Force will get its first squadron of four-engined jet bombers next April, it was announced here today. "We may become involved either in a general war, or peripheral, localised wars," General Ridgway said. "The prototype made its first flight just now against France."—France-Press Photo.

## Egyptian Troops

### Will Guard Suez Technicians

London, Jan. 31. Three battalions of Egyptian troops will be responsible for the safety of 1,500 British civilian technicians and their families when the "hand-over" of the Suez Canal Zone begins in October, it was disclosed today.

In addition, they will guard the vast stocks of Army stores, including 50,000 tons of ammunition, 300,000 tons of ordnance and engineer stores, 2,000 vehicles, 30 locomotives, 100 railway wagons, 1,300,000 jerry cans, and petrol and water containers, which are being left behind.

Sir John Duncan, independent Chairman of the Board of Management of the new Suez Contractors Management Company, made the announcement.

During a Press conference, he said, "I think it is the intention of the Egyptians to put every step of goodwill forward, recognising this step as something which they desire and something which they have achieved, and they are going to try to make it work."

#### LEAVE IN MAY

The first batch of British civilians will leave for the Canal Zone in May. By October 70 per cent of the technicians will be there. Between mid-October and January 31, 1956, their families will join them. The "hand over" starts on October 28.

The agreement is due to expire after seven years.

The Suez Contractors Management—which includes Sir Leonard Lord Chairman of the Austin Motor Company, Sir William Rootes, Chairman of Rootes, and Major-General Dunphie of Vickers-Armstrong Ltd.—will be responsible for the maintenance of the base and its equipment in the event of an emergency.

Sir John said the staff and their families would live in houses previously used as marshalling quarters by the Army. The Company would provide school teachers, ministers, hospital and other amenities.

#### PATROL BASES

Discussing security measures, he said the three Egyptian battalions would patrol around the bases.

## Britain's Arms Pool Proposal

Paris, Jan. 31. Great Britain will submit a counter proposal to the much-criticised French plan for a European arms pool, it was disclosed here today.

Britain's decision was made known as a seven-nation committee of members of the projected West European Union resumed its sessions after a 10-day interruption.

Informed sources indicated today's session was marked by a growing determination to reach some formula for arms production co-ordination despite the critical attitude shown in the initial meetings to the French plan.

The delegates were said to feel that the need for co-ordination would grow more acute with the reduction in American military aid to Europe.

Britain's plan to submit a counter proposal was announced to the conference by the British delegate, Sir Christopher Steele, informed sources said.—France-Press.

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## AFRAID OF THE DENTIST?

By Trevor Knight

A FRAID of the dentist? Well, who isn't? But you needn't be any longer, for the day has come when a date with your dentist need have no more terrors than an appointment with your hairdresser or barber.

There is a new tool in the dentist's little cabinet of torture-instruments. But it isn't really a tool, nor is it very new. And it certainly isn't an instrument of torture. It's the simplest and most powerful of all pain, and more especially, fear-killers, in dentistry. All you'll have to do is to ask for a spot of hypnosis.

At long last this orphaned skeleton-in-the-cupboard of medicine is taking its rightful place at the table of even the most sceptical and conservative members of the medical and dental professions.

### Matter Of Time

The chairman of the British Society of Dental Hypnotists, who is a distinguished London dentist at the top of his profession, but whose name must remain anonymous for reasons of dental etiquette, has said that "In theory everyone is capable of being hypnotised deeply that is, to the point of being anaesthetised. In fact, at the present time, about one-fifth of a dentist's patients would probably be capable of deeply hypnotised, and two-fifths capable of medium hypnotised, being hypnotised to the point where they would feel nothing of drilling or the other discomfactors of filling a tooth."

What about the other two-fifths? This is a matter of time alone. Two things have to be done. Operators, that is, hypnotic operators, will have to be trained. This is now being done, and about 70 London dentists have taken a three-week course in hypnosis. And secondly, and perhaps more importantly, the public must

be trained to regard hypnosis as the "normal thing for normal suggestion," says the chairman of the Society. Everyone can be hypnotised if they believe they

Dental hypnosis was successfully demonstrated and used as far back as the 1880's by the famous Dr Brunwell of Hull. Between 1888 and 1890 several thousand people had their teeth painlessly extracted under his hypnosis.

Furthermore, Dr Brunwell was seldom present during the operations. He would send his previously hypnotised patient along to the dentist with a note on which was written "Go to sleep." The patient gave this note to the dentist when he arrived at the surgery. The dentist would then say "Dr Brunwell says 'Go to sleep,'" and the patient would oblige.

### Most Difficult

There is no reason why this technique of post-hypnotic suggestion, as it is called, cannot be used today. However, the art of hypnosis is not difficult to learn and dentists will do their own hypnotising before getting down to work on their patients' teeth.

### Simple Process

The process is simple. Once the dentist has his patient in the chair, what he does is to hold up a bright sheet in front of the patient's eyes, asking him to concentrate on it and to think of nothing else. He then starts talking quietly and in a monotone voice to the patient, saying words like "Relax, you are falling asleep, relax, go to sleep." etc. He repeats these commands at intervals.

This process requires confidence on the part of the dentist and willingness on the part of the patient. Particularly shy dentists, who cannot do their own hypnotising can rely on the services of a professional

hypnotist, and post-hypnotic suggestion, can be used along the lines of Dr Brunwell.

Hypnotism has many advantages over the more usual anaesthetics. Patients are never ill and have no after-effects for the simple reason that the dentist tells them before he wakes them that they will not be ill and will not have any after-effects. To bring his patient round all the dentist does is to use a formula like: "When I have counted up to three, you will wake up." He then counts up to three, and exactly on three the patient

falls asleep immediately. The signal, three taps on the back of the chair, was given by her own surgeon. They also saw another dental surgeon hypnotise a 19-year-old girl before he filled a deep cavity in one of her teeth.

There can be little doubt that hypnosis is a completely safe way of alleviating apprehension and avoiding pain. It ensures a properly relaxed patient and is especially suitable for those who dread the idea of the "needle." Mind over matter, or more specifically, mind over tooth, is the factor that will help most of us to stop regarding the seat in the dentist's surgery in much the same light as an electric chair.



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## TROUBLE OVER UNESCO

By BILL GLASS

Paris. UNESCO boss Luther Evans is on the spot—on the spot because UNESCO is beginning to look just a little like the kind of organisation its founders dreamed of.

The Russians and their satellites have suddenly discovered an interest in cultural and scientific co-operation with the West. And they are interested to the tune of nearly £1,400,000 over the next few years. That will pay for the membership of Russia, Byelorussia, and the Ukraine.

In addition Moscow has made it known to Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia that it would be a good idea if they paid up their arrears in membership dues. That will bring another £500,000 into the fund.

That is all to the good. But it makes American Dr Evans' domestic affairs sticky. He is in the midst of a battle with his Staff Association—representing 800 workers from 72 nations—who are bitterly unhappy about the loyalty sackings of eight Americans.

### NOT VERY SURE

By means all of them think that the sackings ought not to have taken place. But nobody is very sure about the principle.

Dr Evans has made his own stand clear: "The Association has been critical of member states in a way we cannot tolerate."

But in an organisation packed—and in part paid for—by Communist countries, it is difficult to make the point that some people who are Communists, or fellow-travellers, or suspected of one or the other, should be dismissed because they decline to avow loyalty to a non-Communist or an anti-Communist country.

Inevitably there will have to be Communists on the UNESCO staff. Some members of the Staff Association cannot see that it matters if there are American Communists.

Others think quite flatly, that an organisation seeking co-operation between East and West has no business demanding—or accepting demands—that its staff should declare loyalty to one or the other. They feel that employees should be as "international" as the organisation itself.

### VERY AWKWARD

From that they reason that it does not matter what a man's private politics are.

And their case, of course, is superficially strengthened by the enrolment of paid-up members from behind the Curtain.

They can make life very awkward for Dr Evans—if only because they will get support from the Russians, who will bray loudly that they are paying for an organisation which deliberately attacks Communists at the behest of another member government.

That way they can put considerable pressure on him.

But Dr Evans is a skillful negotiator. And there is no doubt that he will stick by his announced principles.

## WHY I FAILED TO MAKE PUBLISHING PAY

• • • By Derek Verschoyle

### Birth of a book

THIS is the profit and loss account of one venture by Derek Verschoyle, Ltd.

THE BOOK: Nehru from Kashmir. THE AUTHOR: D. F. Karaka (whose next work, Fabulous Mogul, has just been serialised in a London evening paper).

It sold 8,475 copies at 10s. each, giving a total return of £4,237 10s. Out of this came the booksellers' discount and travellers' commission—40 per cent—of £1,695, so the net return to the publisher was £2,542 10s.

### JOBS

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The war years apart, I have had only three jobs. The first, which I held from 1932 to 1939, was that of literary editor of that sedate parish magazine, *The Spectator*. The second, from March 1946 to March 1950, was that of First Secretary at HM Embassy at Rome. The third was the appointment I have just relinquished.

The common denominator of the three was the excitement of opening the morning's mail.

## THE MATADOR AND I

Late-night date in London... by VENETIA MURRAY

MATADORS are not for me. I met one in London.

There he was, with the kind of charm that Englishmen cannot compete against, that got Ava Gardner to a nightclub twice in a week, that makes (most) English women dream about Rudolph Valentino...

Luis Miguel Dominguin, 29 years old and top bullfighter in Spain until he retired two years ago—with 2,300 dead bulls and allegedly 10,000 bobby-soxers heard to his credit.

• • •

BUT—it is the kind of charm that is based on arrogance, the greatest virtue in Spanish eyes. On white, un-bloodstained hands. On a thin mouth, a thin figure. On nervous, big, brown eyes, a classic self-assurance.

His glance flicked over the room casually, coolly, certainly in the way no must have looked at so many of the great dark bulls that advanced...



THE SENOR

MISS MURRAY

discontented with a vegetable life in the country. "Perhaps I shall become a famous film star." The idea only occurred to me three days ago, but I will try."

I chipped in: "It may be difficult."

"Perhaps," he smiled. "But all things are possible."

He smoked; he drank gin and tonic; he talked to the Spanish Ambassador's wife on the telephone, shrugging his shoulders in a bored apology. And he admitted at last that he missed the flare of success just a little.

A dark, grey suit and a quiet blue tie did nothing to hide the restless Latin liveness of his flesh.

You could see how he would look in the uniform of a bullfighter. You could tell how the cheers and the heat and the smell of the ring would wake him from his bored sleep.

"When I was cheered and mobbed after every fight, when I fought well, I had a bit of a taste that is missing now. For the last two years I have done nothing... but nothing."

"So now, I wait. I am not sure what I am waiting for—but it will come, and once again life will be exciting."

And smiling suavely and courteous, he left for a more appreciative audience—late-night dinner with Ava Gardner.



## SUNBEAM-TALBOT TRIUMPH



Congratulating each other at the end of the gruelling Monte Carlo Rally are the Norwegian winners and the British ladies who won the Women's Cup. Left to right are Françoise Clarke, Anne Hall, Sheila Van Damm, Captain Per Malling and Gunnar Fadum. Both teams were driving British Sunbeam-Talbot cars.—Reuterphoto.

## The Truth About The Blackpool Rumours

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

What is going on with Blackpool? Everyone seems to be asking that question as we plumb from proud Wembley Cup winners to strugglers again in a matter of months. It is a fair question, and I will try to answer it.

The rumours that are being circulated by those who seem to delight in knocking a team when it is down are totally untrue and unfair.

According to the general and many of the teams we have midgets, there is trouble. I played football and many of the teams we have dressing room, the power of a slowly position in the table not get on top of the team. Every team wants a trophy.

"They take the field as if they don't care," I said. "I don't know."

Let me tell you what's going on. Blackpool is in a spirit of fair play.

I have never known an unfriendly atmosphere in my club and I have to say have not seen it this year.

Naturally the boys are disappointed at our lack of success, and we are all a bit worried in our dressing room.

But that is all. There is no friction and no more than the usual respects for transfer.

### CONFIDENCE

Despite it all there is an unshakable confidence which starts from manager Joe Smith through captain Harry Johnston and right down to every player.

Say Joe: "Don't worry lads, we'll pull through, we won't go down to the Second Division."

And every player in the team echoes those sentiments.

Now, what is wrong? We can't put a finger on the trouble,

### Fanling Golf

John F. Shoemaker won the week-end Stableford competition played over the Old Course at Fanling during the week-end with a score of 39 points. D. Black and W. D. Leighton being joint runners-up with 37. H. W. E. Heath and Capt. M. W. Jenkins shared third place with 36, while 36 Stableford points were scored by F. C. Braddell, Capt. D. A. Kennedy, D. Kowalke, J. W. Nichols and L. F. Stokes.

The following were the best medal scores returned on the Old Course (S.S.S. 72):—

J. F. Shoemaker 80-13=nett 67; D. Black 87-18=nett 69; F. C. Braddell 89-20=nett 70; W. D. Leighton 70-6=nett 70; H. W. E. Heath 79-8=nett 71; D. Kowalke 85-14=nett 71; Capt. D. A. Kennedy 78-8=nett 72.

### ANNUAL INTER-CLUB

This semi-annual golf match between RHKG and Shek-O Country Club will be played over both Courses at Fanling on Sunday, February 13, players on the home side being hosts for Lunch and Caddies.

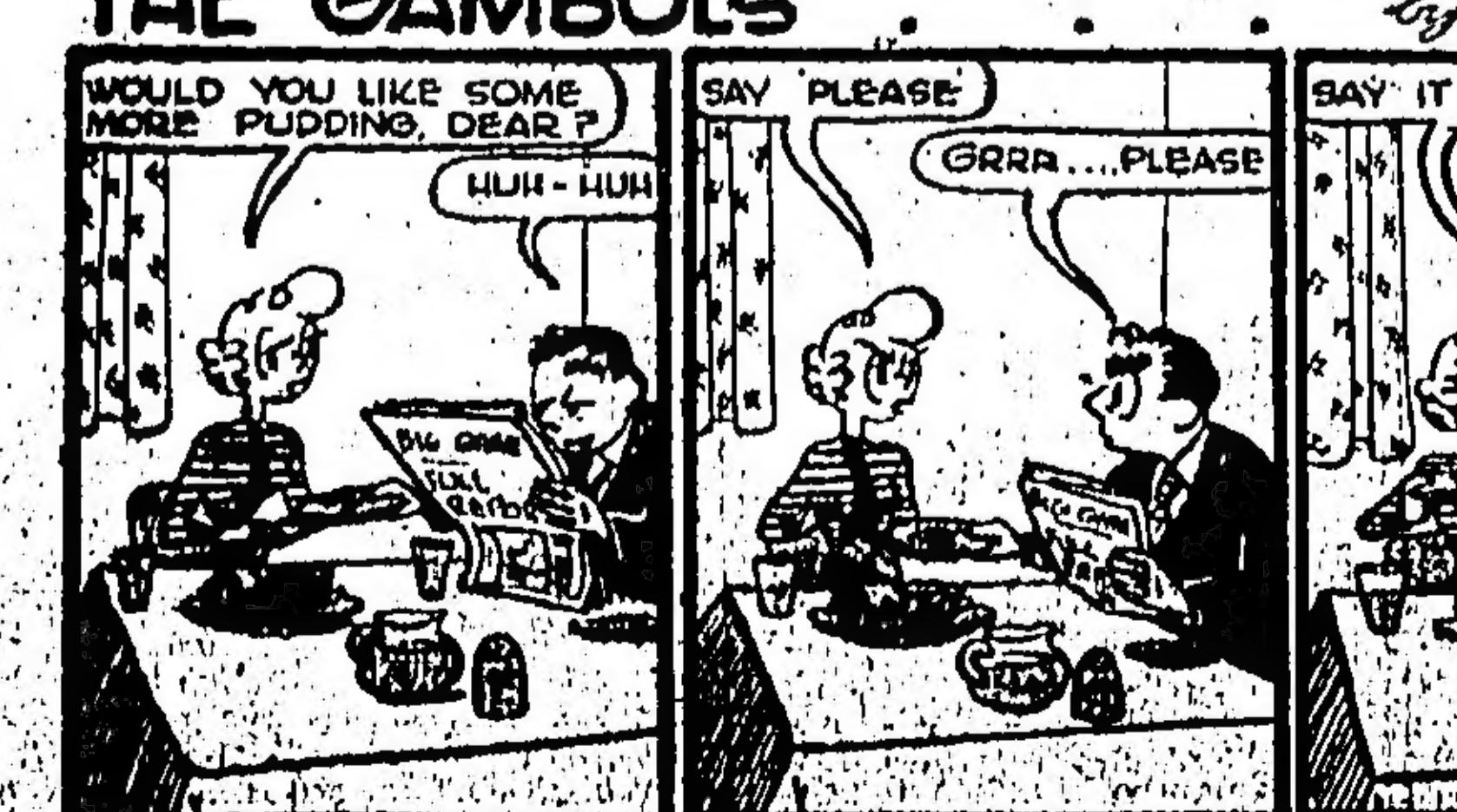
Entry lists are posted in all Club Houses and those wishing to play should register on or before February 6. Opponents may be mutually arranged.



## WATER IS PRECIOUS

## WISELY

### THE GAMBOLS



## WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the Hockey League this week-end:

### SATURDAY

#### Ladies' Division

KGV "B" v KGV "A" on Boundary

St. M's "B" v "A" on Boundary

Recr. "B" v Greenlins on King's

Park at 2.30 (Umpires: Yaqub Khan

and Richard)

Recr. "B" v Recr. "A" on

King's Park at 3.45 (Umpires: Sgt.

Sgt. Dilwari)

Recr. "B" v Bala on "B" on

Boundary Rd. at 2.30 (Umpires: H.

J. B. (Joneses), Lt. Col. Victoria)

### SUNDAY

#### Men's First Division

RAZ "A" v Recr. "A" on Kai

Tak at 2.30 (Umpires: F/Sgt. Coxon

and Lt. Brifford)

Army "C" v R.N. "A" on Happy

Valley at 4. (Umpires: J. S. General

Z. Abbas)

Army "A" v Recr. "B" on

Spookupots at 2.30 (Umpires: Makhmal Singh, G. T. Palmer)

Army "B" v Nav Bharat "A" on

Spookupots at 4 (Umpires: Maj. Walker, Maj. Harcourt)

#### Men's Second Division

Knights "A" v Nav Bharat "B" on

Spookupots at 2.30 (Umpires: Krishan Lal, W. H. Peters)

Spookupots "A" v RAF "B" on

Happy Valley at 2.30 (Umpires:

H. R. Chamberlain, Lt. Dossatz)

Army "C" v R.N. "B" on King's

Park at 3.30 (Umpires: Sgt. Moore,

Sgt. Aliwal)

Army "C" v Spookupots "B" on

Happy Valley at 4 (Umpires: Major

Wharry, Major Brice)

H.K.A.F. Police on King's

Park at 2.30 (Umpires: Major Boryoff, Lt. Herberts)

By: K.I.T.C.

#### FUTURE FIXTURES

February 12

Ladies' Division: K.G.V. "A" v

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## MR CINDERS' FIRESIDE HOBBY



Ronnie Moore, Australian-born captain of the Wimbledon Speedway Team, who last Autumn won the World Speedway Championship at Wembley, has speed on his mind even when he is relaxing over his hobby, model aircraft-making.

Ronnie, who won the nickname "Mr Cinders" for the way he has made the cinders fly on England's speedway tracks, has reached the top at the early age of 21 years.

Photo shows Ronnie Moore putting the final touches to one of his model planes at his Sutton, Surrey, home.—Reuterphoto.

## THERE'S £30,000 OF FAITH IN BRIAN HARPER

Says GEORGE WHITING

Corporal Brian Harper, of the Royal Air Force, brown-haired and extremely belligerent Amateur Heavyweight Champion of Britain and the Empire Games, will be able to command backing of up to £30,000 when, in the spring, he turns professional with the un-original but still laudable idea of becoming Champion of the World in succession to Messrs. Dempsey, Louis, Marciano and Co.

Large, well muscled young men with world title ambitions have always been with us, like the poor. Unfortunately, the Britons among them Moir, Wells, Scott, Hart, Woodcock, etc., have in some innumerable fashion been missing when the golden crown and the equally golden cash have changed hands. The one and only British born World Heavyweight Champion was Bob Fitzsimmons, back in the mid-nineties.

However, there are bringings of men like Harper who have been told me from the days of England over the past 30 years that all the men never to have come along to be champion, and that the champion who is going to be champion will be Harper, and that he is the only British boxer since Jack Johnson.

Indeed, the only man to have been born and disappear from the fight ring when Britain's next champion is being an amateur in April. Then, finally, he will be known as Brian London.

**EXPLOSIVE** — Corporal Harper, due to box for the amateur of England against Ireland at the Royal Albert Hall on February 12, is being guaranteed to be explosive. Many have in with a big one, a venture engaged to bring him to the heights at present dominated by Ali Marciano.

The R.A.F. is going something like the R.A.F. Three hundred members of the Central Court Club, a social club sporting outfit in Mayfair, are means with John Lister, senior, employed in the region of their dimly located headquarters, have each promised to contribute £100 to the funding of Harper's undeniably knuckled fists.

"We are turning money away," says prime mover N. C. East, President. "We consider Harper to be the greatest heavyweight prospect England has had for years, and Lancashire is behind him to a man."

**DIFFERENT** — Brian's father never got the breaks, but this time it is going to be different. With his own right hand and our backing, Harper is a certainty for at least the British Championship.

"London managers appear to think so, too. Several of them have been after him, including one who offered £2,000 for his signature."

Harper, encountered in a new and expensive white dressing-gown trimmed with scarlet (should it not be crimson?) will make his professional bow at

## England's XV To Play Ireland

London, Jan. 31. England's team to play Ireland in a Rugby Union International in Dublin on February 12 will be the same as that which lost to Wales last week. The team is: N. M. Hall (Richmond) — Captain; J. E. Woodward (Worcester), J. Butterfield (Northampton), W. P. C. Davies (Harlequins), R. C. Bailey (Army and Waterloo), D. G. S. Baker (Old Merchant Taylors), J. E. Williams (Old Millhills), G. W. Hastings (Gloucestershire), N. A. Labuschagne (Guys Hospital), D. Hazel (Leicester), P. D. Young (Dublin Wanderers), J. H. Hancock (Army and Newport), P. H. Ryan (Richmond), P. J. Taylor (Northampton), R. Higgins (Liverpool). —Reuter.

## Scoring Goals Means More To The Young These Days Than Preventing Them

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Forwards are ten a penny in any soccer language. Defenders are most certainly not. England produced such legendary figures of defence as big Frank Swift, Eddie Hapgood, Wilf Coping, Stan Cullis and, latterly, Billy Wright. Now she is hard put to scrape up the requisite number of defenders for her international sides.

For scoring goals means more to the young player these days than the equally skilful job of preventing them.

Ask any school-leaver his position on the football field and the answer, nine times out of ten, will be "a forward". Even if he has played in defence it will have been a temporary measure so far as he is concerned. His aim will be to get back among the forwards—and the goals.

For nowadays the emphasis is on attacking football. It embraces wing-halves and even full-backs. But to the youngster it means only one thing—goals.

Blame the coaching, or rather lack of it. To most schoolboys a defender's job is clearing the ball by the quickest possible method. The consequent blow to his pride and the feeling of frustration when his hearty boot returns in boomerang fashion can have a harmful effect on his confidence.

**DOESN'T HELP**

The man on the terrace does not help the soccer stylist.

The thoughtful full-back who turns defence into attack with sensible use of the ball is often bawled out. It is the hasty kicker who gets the cheers.

Yet when "Spurs" push-and-run style swept all before them in their amazing three-year spell many goal movements started with an accurate throw from goalkeeper Ditchburn, or quick pass from full-back Ramsey to an unnamed colleague.

One of the few clubs who do not have defender trouble is Charlton Athletic. Why? Explains

## Ferrer Knocks Out Demarco

By J. R. COOPER

PARIS, Jan. 31. Seraphin Ferrer, Lightweight Champion of France, tonight knocked out Paddy Denner (United States), former World Lightweight Champion, in the fifth round of their scheduled ten-round bout here.

Earlier Denner had paid forfeit for being overweight.

Tickets for the contest, art

on sale at the China Fleet Club

and Mission to Seamen.

**THE PROGRAMME**

AB. Mason (Modeste) v Sgt. Reid (RAF)

AB. Brockway (Modeste) v LAC Nevins (RAF)

SM. (Tamar) v LAC Kelly (RAF)

SM. Greer (Kanare) v LAC Munaghan (RAF)

OS. (Dumpling) v LAC. Buller (RAF)

AB. (Dumpling) v LAC. Blake (RAF)

AB. (Modeste) v LAC. (RAF)

EM. (Modeste) v LAC. Cameron (RAF)

AB. Harvey (Modeste) v SAC. Babey (RAF)

SM. (Special) v AB. Sadd (Kanare)

SM. Evans (Modeste) v O/Sgt. Sampson (Dumpling)

AB. Doolan (Modeste) v L/Ck. Kingdown (Dumpling)

**Fight Officials**

Referee: PO Cooper and F/Lt. Sjt. Burrows.

Judges: Cd. PTO. J. A. Kearney

RN: Sjt. Cd. Shot. Staff. RN: Cd. MAA. Jones (RAF) Irwin, W/O

Hughes (RAF) Sjt. Groves, W/O

M.C. Ch. V. R. BIGS. Hunt.

Time-keeper: Cd. MAA. Smith

Medical Officer: Surg. Lt. Wadsworth.

W/o: PO. Egan.

Dressers: PO. Bethel, AB. Jacques,

Stewards: CPO. Eustice, RPO

Anton, PO. Power, PO. White,

PO. Stirling, Sjt. SOG. Watkins,

Clerk of Scales: Mr. J. T. J. Kleg.

manager "Jimmy Seed. "In my 22 years at Charlton, our slogan has always been: 'Get the other fellow from scoring, and hope our own forwards can do something at the other end'."

He admits with a chuckle it is purely accidental they find defenders while others find forwards.

"But there should be no shame," insists Mr. Seed. "Full-back is the easiest position on the field for the thoughtful footballer."

Jimmy admits that one of his finest full-back prospects, Don Townsend, came to him as an inside forward. Eddie Firman does equally well in defence or attack. Seed will also agree that more time is spent in coaching halves and forwards than full-backs.

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Thirty-Sixth Ordinary Yearly  
General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the Ordinary  
Yearly General Meeting of the  
Shareholders of the Bank will  
be held at the Head Office of  
the Bank, 10, Des Vieux Road,  
Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday,  
the 19th day of February, 1955, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose  
of receiving and considering  
the Reports of the Directors  
and of the Auditors and the  
Profit and Loss Account  
and Balance Sheet for the  
year ended 31st December,  
1954, and for the election of  
Directors and the appointment  
of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of  
the Bank will be closed from  
Saturday, 12th February, 1955  
to Saturday, 19th February,  
1955 (both days inclusive)  
during which period no trans-  
fer of shares can be  
registered.

By Order of the Board,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager

Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1955.

## Radio Hongkong

H.I.T., 6. Time Signal and Programme  
Summar, Youth Brass Band cond. by  
Denis Wright (BBC); 6.30, "First  
Hearing" presented by Hugh  
Sullivan (BBC); 7.00, Weather  
Report (BBC); 7.00, "Signal and World  
News (London Relay); 7.00, Com-  
mentary (London Relay); or Special  
Programme.

7.30, Test Cricket, England v. Aus-  
tralia. Report on the 4th day's  
play in the 4th Test Match.

8. La Derniere Heure (French  
Studio); Presentation de M.  
Lambotte, National de L'Opera  
du Theatre National de L'Opera  
de Paris.

8.30, Highlights from "The  
Mikado" (Gilbert and Sullivan)  
sung by the D'Oyly Carte Opera  
Company, cond. by Sir Thomas  
Edwards.

8.30, "Mun" of the Twentieth  
Century Concerto for Violin and  
Orchestra (Tchaikovsky); "Sorri-  
series, Painted Desert" (Grofe).

9.00, "Speak the Speech" (Fray  
John); "The Royal Academy of  
Dramatic Art (BBC); 10, "At the  
Ballet" (Geller) (Adam); Richard  
Blair, come to the Theatre du  
Chatelet, Paris.

10.00, Weather Report; 11, "Time  
Signal Radio News Read (Recorded  
London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight  
Song, God Save The Queen, 11.30,  
Close Down.

Bergamo, Feb. 1.

Milan police gave a man  
accused of theft in Bergamo a  
perfect alibi—they said he was  
robbing a textile shop in Milan  
30 miles away at the time.—  
China Mail Special.

## Teenage Curfew

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.  
A teenage curfew law  
aimed at combating  
juvenile delinquency has  
come into force here.

Children under 17,  
unless accompanied by  
their parents or in  
"lawful" employment, are  
now barred from the  
streets or public places  
between 10.30 p.m. and  
6 a.m. from Sunday to  
Thursday of every week  
and in the other two days  
of the week from mid-  
night to 6 a.m.—China  
Mail Special.

## PERFECT ALIBI

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China Mail Special.

# Atomic Energy Will Raise Living Standards

San Francisco, California, Jan. 31.

Commercial use of atomic energy will make  
sponsoring nations strong by raising economic  
standards through cheap power.

That, at any rate, is what Mr C. C. Whelchel  
of San Francisco, an executive of the Pacific Gas  
and Electric Company, predicts. His firm is  
actively engaged in research seeking to adapt the  
atom to peacetime uses.

Addressing members of the State Chamber of  
Commerce here, Mr Whelchel prefaced his remarks by  
saying that strong nations have either possessed great  
stores of energy—coal, oil, electrical energy—or they  
have fought wars to acquire it.

The source of such energy in  
the future will be atomic  
energy, he said. One pound of  
fissionable material, he explained,  
is equivalent to 1,600 tons of  
high grade coal, or 275,000  
gallons of diesel oil.

"With the discovery of  
nuclear energy," Mr Whelchel  
continued, "it now appears that  
in the foreseeable future no  
one need be short of power be-  
cause coal, oil or gas reserves  
have run out or because no new  
hydro-electric power sites exist."

## RESERVES

"This is probably the  
greatest benefit that atomic  
energy holds in your future  
and for generations to  
come. The Atom's Energy  
Commission estimates world  
reserves of recoverable  
uranium at 25,000,000 tons  
and 1,000,000 tons of thorium  
which can also be converted  
into fissionable fuel through  
breeding."

"The total of this energy re-  
serve is 23 times greater than  
the combined known world re-  
sources of conventional fuels."

The Pacific Coast utility  
executive then revealed what  
industrialists in the United  
States hope to do with atomic  
energy when it is released from  
its fettering bonds of military  
employment.

In addition to supply power,  
industry in the United States  
intends to use the radio-isotopes  
of "ashes" of the fission products,  
to cause bio-physical changes.  
They would be used to  
sterilize food



JOHN CLARKE'S  
CASEBOOK

## Alfred's career

THE word was not mentioned in the school's prospectus, but in the eyes of many who sent their sons there, the greatest benefit bestowed upon its pupils was respectability.

So at the end of each school year, most boys who swapped school-bench for office-chair, and tended to look askance at the odd boy out who did not conform.

When Alfred, at the end of his long schooling, announced that he meant to make cooking his trade, there were shudders from parents who solemnly believed that respectability began and ended in wearing a white collar to work, carrying a rolled umbrella and catching the 8.15 each morning.

### ALFRED'S FLAIR

Alfred's own parents were wiser. They recognised that the boy had a flair for his chosen career, and proudly watched as he submitted to the gruelling apprenticeship.

He became a good chef, and if ever he thought of those school-fellows who had looked down their noses at him long ago, he could console himself with the thought that his art paid better dividends than the skills many of them had acquired.

Then the war came, and, in 1940, Alfred's end-up - and the beginning of the end of his career. For Alfred, to steady himself or for some other reason, began to drink more than was good for him.

By the time the war ended, drink had so firm hold on him that nothing else in life seemed to matter, and so it has been in the years since.

The more he drank, the harder he found it to get work except casual menial jobs in the kitchens where once he ruled.

One mild-morning recently, Alfred, a pleasant-faced, soft-spoken man, 47 now, had a session with a bottle which was heavy even by the standards he had set himself.

When the bars closed, he floated vaguely into a bookshop.

### ALFRED'S TEMPTATION

He browsed around, and suddenly was brought up short by a display of handsome, lavish books that must have made him feel like a man drowning who sees in a second or two, whole chapters of his past life. For the splendid books dealt with the art of the chef.

Alfred took two of the books - four guineas worth - put them under his arm, and made his way to the street. And there he was stopped.

At Great Marlborough Street next morning, Alfred pleaded guilty to the charge, and when he had heard the story, Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the magistrate, asked: "Have there ever been previous complaints of dishonesty against this man?"

### AND DOWNTOWN

"YES, sir, 17 previous convictions," came the answer.

"He only came out of prison ten days ago. He says that he steals to get money for drinking," said a police officer. "When he was arrested, he said: 'Drink is my downfall.'"

The magistrate turned to Alfred: "What makes me feel rather despairing about you," he said, "is that long terms of imprisonment, when you've had no effect, seem to have had no effect. I shall remand you in custody."

"Quite so, sir," Alfred said.

"Thank you, sir."

Slowly he turned and went towards the cells, and going, he looked, in his neat grey overcoat, with his homburg. In his hand, like a man who has just lost time enough to catch the 8.15. The soul of respectability, he looked. Perhaps one day that virtue of his old school would re-claim him.

## PHILIPPINES NEED CAPITAL

Manila, Feb. 1. The Hon. M. W. Turner, Chief Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, yesterday stressed the need for foreign capital to assist in the development of the Philippines.

In a statement before he left for Saigon after a six-day visit, Mr. Turner said he was much impressed with work being carried out in the Philippines at present under President Macapagal, whom he described as a great and inspired leader.

Mr. Turner left for the South Vietnamese capital with his wife today - Franco-Presse.

## Nationalist Bombers Damage Red Ship

### ACTION AROUND TACHENS

Taipei, Feb. 1. Nationalist Air Force bombers early this morning "seriously damaged" a 2,000-ton Chinese Communist ship north of the Tachens as the Nationalists overnight continued their softening-up raids on Communist positions off the Chekiang coast attempting to interfere with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's expected evacuation and redeployment of his 20,000 Tachen garrison.

It was the eighth Communist ship in a week that the Nationalists have claimed damaged off the Chekiang coast.

Nationalist Air Force Headquarters announced that the pre-dawn raids were between two and three o'clock this morning.

The Air Force and attacking bombers made several bombing passes by a 2,000-tonner and "seriously damaged" it.

Preliminary reports from the Air Force did not specify the number and type of bombers used, nor what kind of Communist ship damaged was mentioned.

Air Force authorities could not confirm a foreign news agency report from Taipei that Communist planes bombed lower Tachen yesterday for the second consecutive day.

Chinese Nationalist officials today declined to comment on the New Zealand proposal for a ceasefire in the Formosa area now before the United Nations Security Council.

### PRESS COMMENT

But Nationalist newspapers published here strongly condemned the proposal.

The official Kuomintang newspaper, Central Daily News, said: "A ceasefire in the Taiwan Strait, even if made possible, would at most mean a respite for the Communists and by no means stop their aggressive intentions, which were tied in with their long-range world conquest programme."

"Besides, the Reds would agree to a ceasefire only when they need it, but they won't abide by it the moment they don't want it any more," the newspaper stated.

"Any fanatic idea of a ceasefire in the Taiwan Strait designed to stop a Nationalist counter-attack at the China mainland is certainly based on ignorance of the fact that the National (Nationalist) Government is the only legal government of China and that it has sovereignty over the mainland."

"Ceasefire would practically mean deprivation of the National Government of that very sovereignty," the Central Daily News wrote.

Another newspaper, the privately Chinese-owned United Daily News, called upon the Nationalist Government to veto the "absurd" New Zealand proposal.

It also urged the United States Government not to be influenced by British persuasion to seat Red China at the United Nations."

CHINESE SHOW TEAM

Chinese Nationalists were reported today organising a camp show team to entertain Americans in Far Eastern bases as a return courtesy to the series of American shows performed for Generalissimo Chiang's Formosa-based troops.

Nationalist newspaper reports said the team would be composed of the Wang "muscular brothers" from Hongkong and the Formosa Li acrobatic team.

The team was expected to tour a number of American bases in Okinawa, the Philippines and Japan, the reports said. -Reuter.

### SHELL TACHENS

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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



## Kowloon Docks Sued By Ex-Employee

Thomas Frederick Taylor, metallurgist, brought a claim before Mr Justice J. Reynolds at the Supreme Court this morning for damages for alleged wrongful dismissal against his former employers, the Hongkong and Whampao Dock Co., Ltd.

Plaintiff's claim totalled \$44,000 as money due and payable to him under his contract of employment with the Defendants. His statement of claim stated that he was to be employed for a period of five years terminating August 31, 1954.

Appearing for Plaintiff was Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Messrs. M. A. da Silva and Co. Defendants were represented by Mr. O. V. Cheung, instructed by Mr. R. E. Moore, of Messrs. Deacons.

In a preliminary submission that the onus was on the Defendants to open the case, Mr. Bernacchi said the claim was based upon the dismissal of Plaintiff. There was on the statement of claim a further claim based on quantum merit in respect of work done that should have been the work of nearly 2,000 Red Chinese troopers also were seen there.

Reports of the Ningpo planes came just a day after five Communist Russian-built light bombers attacked Tachen. It was the second straight day of Red air attacks. -United Press.

## Canton Cold Storage Plant

Construction work on a cold storage plant in Canton, the largest of its kind in South China it is claimed, has just started and is expected to be completed in the autumn, reports the China News Service in a pro-Communist journal this morning.

The plant will be used for storing fruits from the South China provinces for re-distribution to various cities in other parts of China, it added.

The Canton Cold Storage Co. Ltd., a joint private and government enterprise has already raised JRP 20,000,000, (about HK\$45,000,000) capital for this project.

The storage plant, which is connected to the railway line is designed to store 1,300 tons of meat, 350 tons of meat and 800 cases of medicines simultaneously, the report said.

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to damages were wholly admitted by the Defence were it not that they claimed Plaintiff was lawfully dismissed.

Defendants admitted that on January 14, 1954, they dismissed Plaintiff, but denied this was wrongful. They alleged that Plaintiff was in breach of his contract by his refusal to remove from No. 2 Tantallon Terrace and by his attempt to obstruct repairs to the premises.

Defendants further alleged that Plaintiff had wrongfully accepted a bribe of \$2,000 and that was relied upon as misconduct as further entitling Defendants to dismiss Plaintiff. They therefore claimed they were justified in their dismissal of Plaintiff.

As regards the staff provided fund, Defendants claimed it was subject to certain terms and subject to deductions in the event of the contributor's dismissal for misconduct, etc. They pleaded that if he was rightly dismissed then the total amount of the provident fund to which Plaintiff was entitled would be greatly reduced.

Mr. Bernacchi said the whole of the action, apart from the quantum merit issue, was a Defence of justification and in his submission the Plaintiff was not called upon to show that his dismissal was unjustified. It was for the employer, in the circumstances set out, to show that the dismissal was justified. It would be different if it were denied that there was a contract of employment.

Counsel asked the Court to look at the statement of claim. He said it set out the basis of Plaintiff's engagement and the terms on which he was engaged. Plaintiff was entitled to a salary of \$2,154 per month, including high cost of living. His claim was also for provident fund benefits and two second-class passages to the United Kingdom or their equivalent in cash.

Counsel went on to cite a number of authorities to support his contention that it was for the Defendants to open the case.

DEFENCE REPLY

M. Cheung, in reply, said the action was one for damages for wrongful dismissal. The law, he declared, was quite clear. For Plaintiff to succeed he must prove the dismissal was wrongful and go on to prove what his damages were. It was true that Defendants admitted a contract between the parties but the allegation contained in Plaintiff's statement of claim that Defendants wrongfully terminated his employment was not admitted but traversed.

Counsel submitted the allegation must be established by Plaintiff in evidence. Plaintiff had given certain figures as damages suffered in his statement of claim, but it was Counsel's submission that the position was such that Plaintiff must prove his case was dismissed. He held that it was Plaintiff to establish his damages and that his dismissal was wrongful.

Giving his ruling, Mr. Justice

Reynolds said the onus was on the Defendants in the question of damages.

Mr. Bernacchi said the vital

words in Defendants' statement

of defence were "had Plaintiff

not been lawfully dismissed."

Plaintiff claimed in regard

to Plaintiff's statement of claim

that Plaintiff must prove his

dismissal was wrongful.

The case is proceeding.

## "FALSE IMPRISONMENT" APPLICATION BY QUIE IS REFUSED BY JUDGE

An application by Mr John McNeill, QC, leading Counsel for Mr Joseph Leslie Quie, to amend his statement of claim against three Government doctors by adding a further claim of false imprisonment against Dr P. M. Yap and Dr S. H. Moore was refused by Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

In the absence of the Jury Counsel on both sides presented legal arguments.

Mr Justice Gould told the Jury when they returned that the matter did not concern them, but he had decided not to entertain the application at the present stage.

Mr McNeill then resumed his cross-examination of Dr A. W. Dawson-Grove in which he twice complained that the witness was being impertinent.

Dr Dawson-Grove was requested by the Court to try to keep his temper.

He maintained that he was "only trying to tell the truth."

Speaking of the incident concerning Clive Quie and a gun, Dr Dawson-Grove said that he telephoned to Prof. McFadzean after that. When Mrs Quie telephoned him later he told her of his communication with Prof. McFadzean and told her "that something had to be done very quickly."

Mr McNeill: Did she ask you why you had communicated with Prof. McFadzean without speaking to me about it?

Witness: Yes.

Was she surprised? - No. I felt that murder might occur in the Quie household. I felt that as a doctor, to prevent murder was better than condoning it.

Will you confine yourself to the question as asked? - She was very upset.

On your having done so? - No. On the whole incident.

So she was not surprised that you had done so; she was upset but not at your having done so; she was upset at something else. - Mr McNeill, you are trying to catch me out. I am only trying to tell the truth.

Counsel denied he was trying to catch the witness and the Judge, remarking "we shall get to it in time," asked the witness whether Mrs Quie rested his telephone Prof. McFadzean.

Dr Dawson-Grove replied "Certainly not."

Mr McNeill: Perhaps it was not unexpected.

WANTED HIS OPINION

Witness: Prof. McFadzean was the senior doctor in the Colony. I wanted to get his opinion as to what I should do about this particular case.

Did you suggest he should see Mr Quie? - I suggested that Mrs Quie should do her best with Dr Yang's permission to call in Prof. McFadzean for further consultation over this particular case.

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It is a very simple question. - That is a simple answer.

You have not answered my question. Did you consider it unprofessional not to communicate with Dr Yang before consulting Prof. Mc